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saying we need to take all three of those up, but I'd suggest if we get through the next three that we take the break after that. Next time.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1004, a bill by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, this bill was brought to the Government Committee on behalf of the Secretary of State. In keeping with our earlier theme, I could tell you this is a cleanup bill. But in essence it's a bill that increases some fees and it also allocates some of those fees from the General Fund to a mix of General and Cash Funds. So it changes the way the Secretary of State's office does business a little bit, and probably is in keeping with our tendency to go to some cash funded type operations. The following three categories of fees are affected--they are domestic and foreign corporation filings fees, notary public commission fees, and certification fees for charitable organization solicitation. And I might tell you that the bill summary, on section by section basis, tells you what all those fees are, what they're being raised to and what they were. So, I guess rather than do the litany of the fees, I would simply ask that if you had any questions, I'd be happy to try to answer them and move the advancement of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: For discussion on LB 1004, Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Actually, one of the reasons I'm speaking is because Senator Schimek does not want to get to 1007, and I certainly understand that. She's hoping we take more time on that. But, Senator Schimek, I do have a serious question, if you would care to respond. And while you're...the question is the following, I know there's been a tendency last session that we're going to go...we increased fees so we relieve some of the pressure on General Fund. But to my way of thinking I think most members of the body that still is, in essence, a tax increase that we're doing. And I guess what I'm asking for is I don't mind increasing fees if we're...if we're...if there's a need for it.